(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) The State Government Agencies/ wholesale nominees of the State Governments engaged in distributing levy sugar through Public Distribution System are reimbursed transportation charges as per guidelines effective from 1.4.1996, which, *inter alia*, provide that a flat rate of each State to be fixed on the basis of audited figures of expenditure duly approved by the State Government concerned, incurred for previous year. As such, the State Government Agencies/wholesale nominees of the State Governments are required to submit their audited accounts duly approved by the State Government for the purpose and only thereafter the Central Government fixes the flat rate for reimbursement of transportation charges.

The claims of the State Government Agencies/wholesale nominees of the State Governments are reimbursed to the concerned State Government by the Food Corporation of India.

Flouting of Regulations for Transportation of Rice from FCI Godowns

4565. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regulations for transportation of rice from the Food Corporation of India godowns are being flouted by the exporters in the matter of claiming transport subsidy; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the policy about the rice lifted by the exporters from FCI for export after cleaning/sorting the rice to take out brokens is being misused by first selling the entire quantity in the local market at the lower rates and purchasing the same at the higher rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (b) No, Sir. There is no authentic report in this regard.